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(590.003)

REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-23 and 25-31 were pending in the instant application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Of these, Claims 1, 20, and 32 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. All claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Ludtke et al. in view of Chiles et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 1 has been rewritten to recite "the at least one description subsystem comprises interfacc logic for interpreting commands received over an interface between the device and a computer operating system, wherein said interface logic is adapted to determine if said device is known to said operating system, and if said device is not known to said operating system, provide a reference to a network location where a recent version of a device driver is obtainable." Claims 20 and 31 have been similarly rewritten. Such language is supported by the specification, *inter alia*, on Page 7, lines 6-18. Furthermore, it should be noted the addition of the this language is not in acquiescence of the Office's position on allowability, but is merely to expedite prosecution.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 20, and 31 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. By virtue of

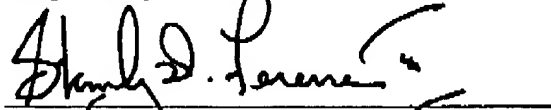
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dependence from what is believed to be allowable independent Claims 1 and 20, is is respectfully submitted that Claims 3-6, 8-19, 21-23, and 25-30 are also presently allowable.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 1, 3-6, 8-23, and 25-30, is presently in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney would welcome further discussion with the Office in the event there are any further issues in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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